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# Commissioners vote to vacate jail

## Prisoners transferred to Dickens County

Responding to a letter from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards which cancelled variances for the Floyd County Jail, and a lack of liability insurance, Floyd County Commissioners voted on Monday, December 8, to close the Floyd County Jail.

Within a few hours, 7 prisoners were loaded onto a van and transported to Dickens County Jail. Floyd County Jailers were terminated and given 4 weeks pay by the Commissioners, and in an emergency meeting the Floydada City Council moved to take legal action against the county if necessary.

During the Commissioners Court meeting Judge Hardin read the letter from the Texas Jail Standard, which stated: "In response to the report issued by the Fire Marshall Darrell Gooch, we recommend that until a structural engineer can inspect the facility, you vacate the Floyd County Jail immediately. Due to the fact that continuation of the variances for the Floyd County Jail has been dependent upon maintaining a safe and secure facility, these variances have been cancelled."

The road to closure began for the jail with a jail standards inspection around February 21st, according to Judge Hardin.

The jail failed inspection and inspectors said that electrical work would have to be inspected by the fire marshal.

According to Hardin, between \$4,000 and \$5,000 was spent to fix the electrical problems and then the fire marshal was called in to inspect.

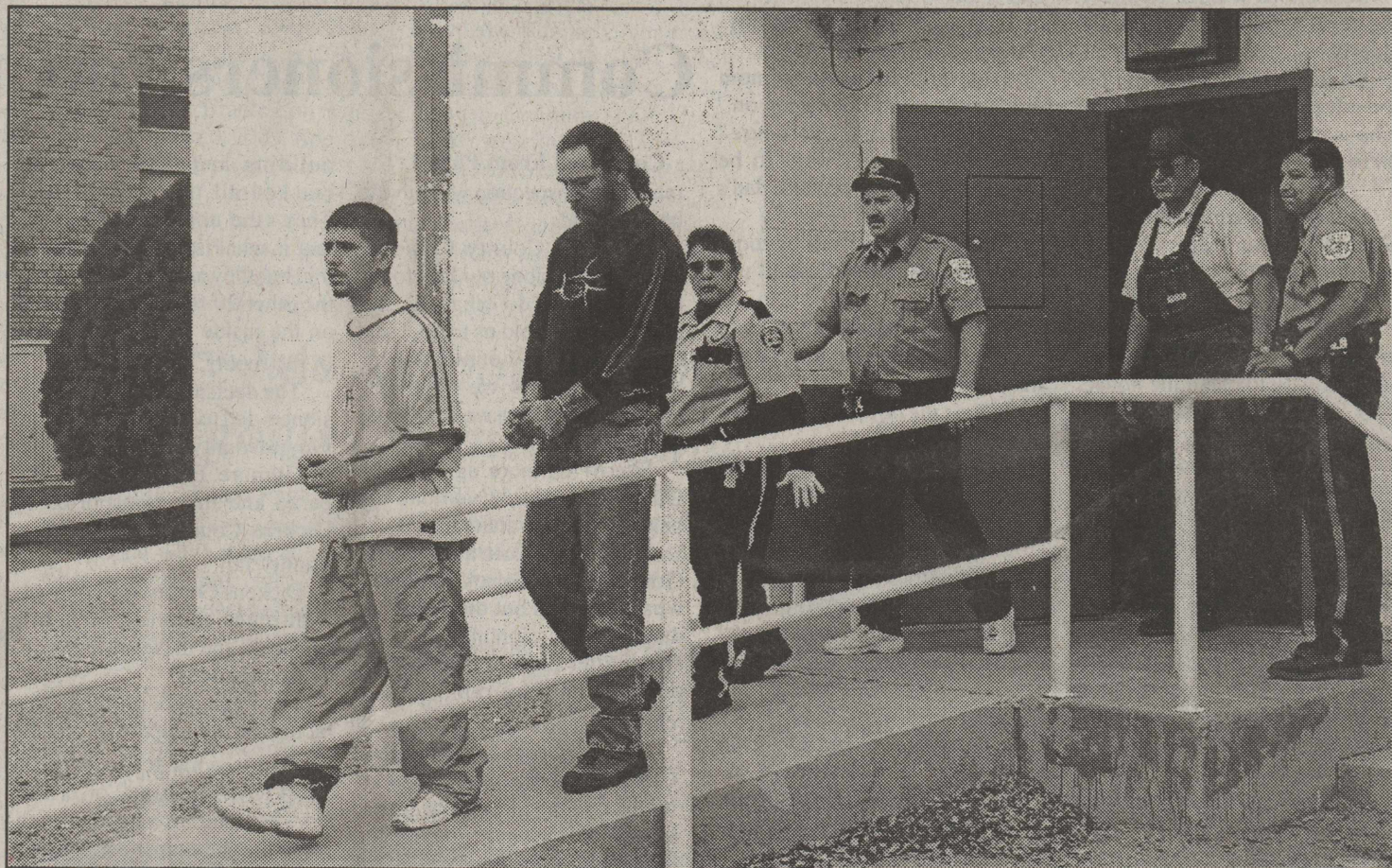
After inspection Fire Marshall (and Floydada Police Chief) Darrell Gooch issued a report which said "the front of the building has deteriorated to the point that it is unsafe. Large cracks exist between the bricks in which the mortar has weathered away. The two columns attached to the front of the building are on the verge of collapse. Concrete, mortar, and bricks have cracked with support the weight of the two pillars."

Gooch also cited many electrical code violations, fire wall concerns, electrical conduit problems, and the lack of fire escapes.

"One of our variances included the fire escape on the 2nd and 3rd floor," said Hardin. "Our liability insurance was cancelled because it did not pass inspection. Our variances are now gone. The Jail Standards says to vacate. I don't think we have a choice except to close the jail."

A motion by Commissioner Craig Gilly and seconded by Ray Nell Bearden was made to contract with Dickens County Jail for \$38.00 per day to house Floyd County prisoners.

The Commissioners then unanimously voted to vacate the jail, and to give Judge Hardin the



**PRISONERS LEAVE FOR DICKENS**--Floyd County prisoners are taken from the Floyd County Jail by Dickens County Jailers after the order to vacate the building was given by the County Commissioners. Seven prisoners were transferred. Staff Photo

approval to hire an engineer to come look at the structure of the jail and to issue an opinion for the Commission on Jail Standards.

If the jail is determined to be structurally sound the next problem for the county will be to de-

termine if the jail can be turned into a holding facility for prisoners until Dickens County jailers can get to Floyd County to pick up prisoners.

According to the Jail Standards letter if the building is con-

sidered sound, the determination as to whether the facility can be used as a holding cell will require the following:

\*The 2nd and 3rd floors will be closed and no longer utilized for holding or housing inmates;

\*Conversion of the existing detoxification cell into a holding cell will have to meet current minimum jail standards

\*All applicable items noted in the jail inspection and fire  
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**HOLIDAY AFFAIR SHOPPERS**--Shoppers filled stores in Lockney on Thursday, December 4, and enjoyed Christmas bargains and a time to visit with their neighbors during the annual Chamber sponsored Holiday Affair. Santa Claus also made an appearance and visited with children.

## Plans in the works for the 19th Spirit of Christmas

This is the 19th year that Sudie Cochran, Fred Thayer, and their volunteers, will prepare a Yuletide meal for shut-ins, elderly, and disabled.

"I remember the first year we started this," said Sudie. "My daughter was 6 or 7 months old and we held it at the Massie Activity Center."

Sudie came up with the idea of the Christmas meal as a way to teach her children what Christmas was really all about. Instead of sitting down to the Christmas meal at their home on Christmas,

the family donated their time and energy to those less fortunate.

The event has grown every year and gathered a larger group of volunteers, and a larger serving area.

Last year over 500 meals were prepared and sent out to shut-ins in Floyd, Hale, Dickens, and Motley County. The Ronald McDonald Houses in Lubbock and Amarillo are also recipients of the generosity.

The meals are now prepared and delivered from the First United Methodist Church in

Floydada, on Christmas Day. Volunteers are now being lined up and an account has been set up at City Bank in Floydada, under the name "Spirit of Christmas".

"We need helpers in the kitchen, drivers, turkeys, and money," said Cochran. "We also need the names of people you feel will benefit."

If you would like to donate your time contact Cochran at 983-5165, or Fred Thayer, at 983-3121. Money can be taken to City Bank.

## Floydada Schools will present Christmas concert December 14

This Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 2:30, the Floydada Schools will present their annual Christmas Band Concert. Participating in the concert will be the Sixth Grade Beginner Band, the Junior High Seventh and Eighth Grade Band, and the High School Concert Band. There will also be

the Junior High and High School Stage Bands performing.

The Bands are under the direction of Band Directors John M. Odom and George James.

The Sixth Grade Band will perform three selections which include Beethoven's Ninth, Jingle Bells and Needle in a

Haystack. The Sixth Grade Band is made up of two different classes. They are the Woodwind Class and the Brass Class. This will only be the second time this year that they will perform together. The next Band to perform will be the Seventh and Eighth  
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## County Jailers out of work

With the vote to close the jail this week, Floyd County Commissioners were then faced with the decision to terminate the 4-6 jailers employed by the County.

"These are hard times for people and a terrible time to lose your job," said Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden.

Commissioners said the county was paying approximately \$8,000 per month in jailer's salary, and the money will now be used to house inmates at the Dickens County Jail.

Commissioner Lennie Gilroy made a motion to pay the termi-

nated jailer 4 weeks pay beginning with the day the prisoners were picked up by the Dickens County jailers. This was approved unanimously.

During open forum a citizen attending the meeting asked commissioners why they did not raise taxes to build a new jail.

Bearden responded, "My constituents consist of a lot of single women and they don't have the money to pay more taxes. They are barely making it now."

According to County Judge Bill Hardin the jail costs the county up to \$150,000 per year, which includes jailer's salaries,

inmates food, insurance, and inmate medical costs.

"We average about 10 inmates and Dickens County will be charging \$38 per day, per inmate," said Hardin. "This will cost the county \$380 per day, or \$138,700 per year."

Hardin said it is impossible to know what the bottom line will be until after the engineer's report on the structure safety of the jail. "We don't know how much it will cost to fix up the jail to meet standards, and whether we will be able to open up any floors again."

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## County ponders future use of jail building

Confusion over the future of the jail has law enforcement and city and county officials scrambling to make immediate, and future, plans for the housing of prisoners.

Police and governing officials are trying to find the best way to transfer prisoners to Dickens County, and not leave their patrol areas unprotected.

The County is faced with no place to "hold" prisoners until an engineer declares the building "safe". If that ruling comes, the County will have an option to open the first floor to "hold" prisoners awaiting transfer to Dickens County.

According to Jail Standards inspector Terry Julian, the Texas Jail Standards Commission will work with the County to "resolve issues".

"If the building is declared safe then the possibility of quickly turning the first floor into a holding area is very possible," said Julian.

"The detox cell could easily be turned into a holding cell, and appropriate accommodations could be made to hold female prisoners separately."

According to Julian jailers would not have to stay at the jail  
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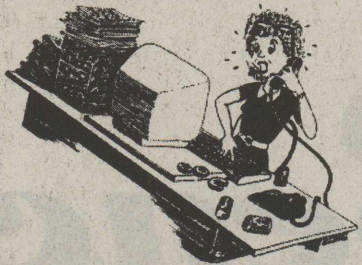


**PICTURES OF YOUR EAR**--This little girl was anxious about her free ear exam at the Mangold Memorial Health Fair until she was able to see the pictures of the inside of her ear on the screen in front of her. The annual Health Fair last Saturday boasted of 30 booths offering a wide range of free check-ups, including blood sugar, cholesterol, bone density, eye, and ears. Staff Photo

**Lockney Boy Scout Food Drive**  
The Lockney scouts will be picking up food for the Salvation Army this Saturday. Please leave your bags of non-perishable food items on your front porch Saturday morning.

## By The Way

By Alice Gilroy



email:floydada@amaonline.com

I got a call this week from the Lockney Salvation Army. They are in desperate need of toys to give away at Christmas. Remember them if you've got some toys you would like to donate.

There are lots of places in the county that could use help with charity for the holidays.

Sudie Cochran and Fred Thayer are gearing up for the annual "Spirit of Christmas" meal for shut-ins. Volunteers and money are needed.

Reflections of Love is collecting items to fill up baskets for the elderly.

Be sure and keep you eye out for information in the paper for who is in need and what you can do to help!

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Internet answers given by elementary school age children about mothers:

**Why did God make mothers?**

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

**How did God make mothers?**

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

**What ingredients are mothers made of?**

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string. I think.

**Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?**

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

**What kind of little girl was your mom?**

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

**What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?**

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores.

**Why did your mom marry your dad?**

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandpa says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

**Who's the boss at your house?**

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

**What's the difference between moms and dads?**

1. Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just got to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

**What does your mom do in her spare time?**

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

**What would it take to make your mom perfect?**

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

**If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?**

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.



**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**--Mike O'Connell, of Lockney Boy Scouts Troop 259, is seen here working on his Eagle Scout project at the Lockney Library. Mike will be putting in an handicap ramp for the Library. He will be assisted later by other Scouts in the Troop. Staff Photo

## Schools to sponsor Christmas Concert

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Grade Junior High Band. This group will play Frost on the Kudzu, Jingle Bell Polka and A Carol Countdown.

The High School Band will close the concert with four selections of their own. They will play A Kid's Christmas, Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming and Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

There is no admission charge for the concert and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

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marshall's inspection will have to be corrected.

"We (the County Commissioners) have done our best to my knowledge to do what the Jail Standards has told us to do," said Commissioner Lennie Gilroy. "Over the years we have corrected problems so we could pass inspection."

Sheriff Gilmore agreed with Gilroy and said, "I've done my best to meet jail standards."

"I'm not faulting Darrell Gooch," said Gilroy. "I know what he means but the Jail Standards Commission made this decision after the fire marshal report and now we don't have a choice."

In an emergency Floydada City council meeting, called after the commissioner's decision, Gooch told the councilmen, "The fire inspection was not what closed the jail. The county lost their insurance carrier and flunked the jail inspection. My inspection was the last one."

"We have pulled city meters on places that have had less code violations than the county jail had."

"What concerns me is the front two pillars and base under those two pillars. The brick veneer is pulling away from the

building and their bases are cracked all the way through. They (the commissioners) say that is what is closing the building, but they are forgetting about the other 20 fire code violations on the inside that was also part of the report."

The decision by the Commissioners led to quick action by the Floyd County Jailers and Sheriff Gilmore. Prisoners were prepared and then transported by Dickens County to the Dickens County Jail.

Dickens County Jail contracts with other counties, including Lubbock, and in New Mexico, to house prisoners.

The immediate problem now facing the municipalities and the county is what to do with the short term "holding" of prisoners after their arrest and arraignment by the magistrate.

The transport of prisoners for cities and the county who are already operating on limited manpower is of major concern to all law enforcement officers.

The trip to and from Dickens County to deliver a prisoner could tie up an officer for 3-5 hours, during which time the cities would be left without a patrolman.

"This will put a bind on po-

lice departments," said Gooch.

"It will tax already overtaxed police officers. We average arrests of 21 people a month."

In the emergency Council meeting, Floydada councilman voted to start legal action against the county, if need be, to force the county to take into custody city prisoners following their arraignment by the City Judge.

By law anyone charged with a Class B misdemeanor and above will be arraigned and then placed in the custody of the Sheriff. It is then the Sheriff's responsibility to incarcerate the pris-

oner. Gooch also suggested to the Council that they look at buying a building and renovate it with holding cells to house city prisoners and those who are waiting for transportation to Dickens County.

In response to the threatened lawsuit by the city, Commissioner Jon Jones said, "We are going to be able to work this out. We can work together and get this solved."

"We will do whatever the law says we have to do," said Judge Hardin.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are living in hard economic times in rural America. Yesterdays jail closing is only the beginning of things to come.

How many of the citizens of Floyd County have taken the time to go to commissioners court while they are struggling with decisions concerning the county budget? How many of you that were there Monday to gripe at the commissioners about the closing of the jail were at these budget hearings? Probably none of you. How many of you take the time to go to our city council meetings to see the process in our cities? I don't know about Floydada, but in Lockney there's not many citizens that do. But we're always ready to go gripe or state our dissatisfaction with things when it is too late or after the situation has gotten to the point of making a decision as Mondays.

Have you looked around in our county to see what is going on? What is going on in rural America? We are losing tax base daily.

How many of our seniors in Lockney and Floydada are going to come back to Floyd county to work and raise there families? Have you thought about that. I'm sure you have.

Those of you that grew up here probably can look at your own high school class and see the low retention of our high school grads.

We depend on agriculture in Floyd county. Technology has greatly changed the way we farm. It is less labor intensive that it was 20 years ago. That is fact. Our landscape is changing. Look to the north of Floydada and to the east of Lockney. Look all over our county. Where once mighty 8 inch irrigation wells stood are subs or nothing at all. Water is becoming an issue all

over the county.

When was the last time any one has called Dora Ross or Bobby Hall and asked how we can help them with economic development? I know I never have.

But I got a wake up call this week. I just wonder how far it will go for others in the county.

I am a member of the board of directors for Lockney Chamber of Commerce. We have 11 directors. At the last several meetings we have averaged somewhere around 3 to 4 directors attend these meetings. I understand that some of them have to go to work. But the job that they volunteered for is not getting done.

Now let's do some bragging. Do you realize that our two fire depts. have brought in over \$300,000 in grants into Floyd county in the last 18 months? \$300,000 in money that did not have to come out of our tax base to equip our fire departments. WOW! You are talking about a group of men that receive no compensation for what they do.

The city of Lockney recently purchased a brand new \$150,000 fire truck costing the tax payers of Lockney only \$20,000.

What I am leading up to is that we need economic development. We have an EDC in both communities that are working hard. Their number one goal is to increase tax base so that we can maintain a quality of life in our communities without having to raise taxes. They need your help. They need all of our help to make this work.

I challenge you, especially those that have "been there done that", to contact your local EDC. Ask Dora and Bobby how you can help. I love living and raising my family here. I want a place for my children to come back to if they choose. Right now they don't have the choice.

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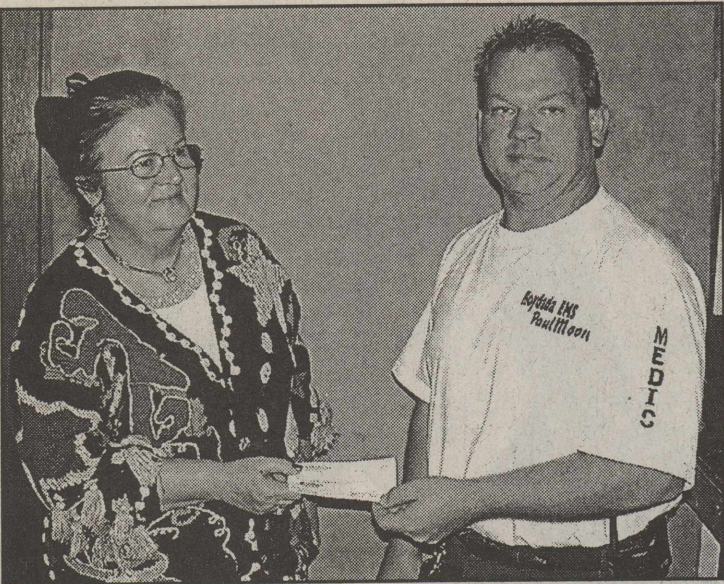
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**REFLECTIONS OF LOVE DONATION**-Floydada EMS Director Paul Moore is shown presenting Reflections of Love President Sally Bradley with a donation of \$270 collected last Saturday from passerbys at the traffic light. More money and items are needed urgently for Baskets of Love. These baskets are filled with personal hygiene items and household cleaners which are delivered to the elderly. Last year over 60 baskets were delivered. To donate items and money contact EMS or Sally Bradley. Staff Photo

## TPWD says pheasant numbers improving

As dawn breaks on December 13th bird hunters will comb the Panhandle landscape, searching for the explosion and adrenaline-rushing cackle of long-tailed roosters. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Biologists, pheasant hunters will find a more favorable season than last, but still a far cry from the old "hay days" of the early '80s.

Pheasant roadside surveys conducted annually by TPWD personnel indicate that pheasant numbers are up slightly compared to last year. However, Jeff Bonner, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, points out that "last year's surveys were the lowest in 25 years, and while this year's surveys show some improvement they still represent the 3rd lowest counts during that same time period".

Counties that yielded the most birds per route were Bailey, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Sherman. Success will still depend on the type of area hunted. "Those hunting areas that have tall, weedy playa lakes and CRP fields, adjacent to fields of corn and milo, should have no problem filling their 2-bird bag limit," Bonner predicts.

The long-term pheasant population trend is declining. Most biologists agree that a change in farming practices is one of the primary causes. During the 1980s, the popular row-irrigation practice, with resulting weedy ditches and tail-water pits, gave way to the efficiency of center-pivot irrigation systems and cleaner farming methods. The decline of irrigated grain acreages and wheat-fallow crop rotation that typically included a 14-month fallow period has been supplanted by more intensive cropping systems. In 1985, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) was designed to conserve and improve soil and water resources by converting highly erodible farmland to permanent vegetation. The permanent vegetative cover afforded by CRP has probably been beneficial to pheasants, but not enough to

compensate for the 20-year decline in the quality of large and small grain agriculture habitats.

Although the long-term trend is not encouraging, localized areas that provide proper habitat components in the right arrangement and receive adequate moisture harbor a tremendous number of birds. What is good habitat? "These are areas having the proper type and condition of vegetation to provide food items and cover for nesting, brood-rearing and loafing," according to Bonner. Panhandle pheasant habitat consists of playa lake basins, grain fields with adequate cover, Conservation Reserve Program fields, playa lake edges, field borders, and road rights-of-ways. "Landowners and operators that guard against overgrazing in the playa lake basins, maintain a 15-inch cutting height during grain harvest, and leave a few standing rows of milo or corn during harvest will be on the right track to having pheasants," says Bonner.

Hunting opportunities can be found by contacting the local Chamber of Commerce or other community organization offices in towns of the county where you wish to hunt. TPWD also provides pheasant hunting opportunity on several properties enrolled through the Short Term Public Hunting Lease Program. For 2003 those purchasing the Annual Hunting Permit and having a hunting license can access approximately 1,900 acres in Hansford County. The 30-day hunting season runs from Saturday, December 13, 2003 through Sunday, January 11, 2004 in the Texas Panhandle. Legal shooting hours are from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The daily bag limit is 2 roosters per hunter (4 in possession). Hen harvest is not allowed. TPW requires that one leg, including the spur or all feathers remain attached to the pheasant until it reaches its final destination. All hunters must possess a Texas hunting license; there are no special tag requirements.

## Williams baby named America's Pampered Prince Happiest Baby for the year 2003

Jason Lee Williams, two year old son of Brent and Tami Williams of Wolforth has been named America's Pampered Prince Happiest Baby 2003. He is the grandson of Leon and Carolyn Williams of Petersburg, and Great-grandson of Maye Williams of Floydada.

As one of the top national winners, Jason Lee will receive a \$50 US savings bond. Jason Lee has now also won 5 out of 6 categories for the month of October, which puts him in the running for 2004 Pampered Prince of the year and other categories, for the year 2004.

Right now family and friends

can also take part in voting for Jason. Jason has made it to the final selection of 22 beautiful babies who are being voted on through December 31, 2003. This last voting will choose one baby who will be selected as banner baby of the year for 2004. This baby will appear on brochures and advertisements for Quest.

"What an honor it would be for Jason to be chosen! So, everyone be sure to vote," says Tami Williams, Jason's mother. Voting is taking place online at <http://www.questmodels.com/bookababy/bab2003booth.html>. (Jason is the last one, #22.)



**LOCKNEY LIBRARY TO HOST TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**-Gayle Jackson, member of the Lockney Library Associates, places a poster at the Lockney Library inviting everyone to bring their favorite teddy bears to be on display January 12 through February 14. Registration for the bears and their owners will be January 7, 8, and 9th at the Library. The event will conclude with a picnic and a guest story teller or Valentine's Day. Courtesy Photo

## ACS Brunch well attended

The annual Christmas Brunch, a special event fundraiser for the American Cancer Society was held in the home of Pat and Sally Bradley on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Approximately 110 guests attended.

To date, donations of \$1,221.00 have been received. The hostess gift was a poinsettia, donated by Cathy's Floral. Door prizes were donated by Dr.

Bill Dean, First National Bank, Floydada, Bonnie Graham, and Leonard's Cafe. Estelle Carthel, Joyce Williams, Melissa Long, Bonnie Graham, and Laura Turner were the lucky winners.

The American Cancer Society thanks all who purchased a ticket or made a donation. Funds are used for research and education in our efforts to eliminate cancer as a health risk.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Floydada ISD, Mrs. Rambo and the students who made the wooden Christmas trees for the courthouse and the medians. This will be a great contribution to the beauty of our community.

## County has to look at long range goals for jail building

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for 24 hours. Jailers would only be needed when there is a prisoner in the holding cell.

"Long range decisions need to be made by the Commissioners," said Julian. "They can't continue to patch, patch, patch. This is an old building with old wiring, old plumbing, etc. It is an old and used up building."

When asked if the variances

would be reinstated to the county if the building was declared safe, Julian said those determinations would have to be made after the inspections.

According to Judge Hardin the engineer will not be available to inspect the structure safety of the jail until January. No plans can be made about the future of holding cells on the first floor until that time.



**WJ MANGOLD HEALTH FAIR**--a visitor to the Health Fair takes advantage of a free eye exam. Staff Photo

**Lockney Boy Scouts will be collecting canned goods this Saturday.**

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the community for their support during Christmas on the Square this year. Many thanks to all businesses and individuals who donated gifts, prizes, and money for the drawings. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Robbie Odom and her music students for the wonderful musical program at the pavilion that night. Thank you also to our Queens, they helped out so much during this event. Thank you to all of the civic clubs, organizations and individuals that donated to the student drawings at the schools. This year 10 students and 3 staff members received \$30.00 each in chamber bucks. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hale for the use of their building.

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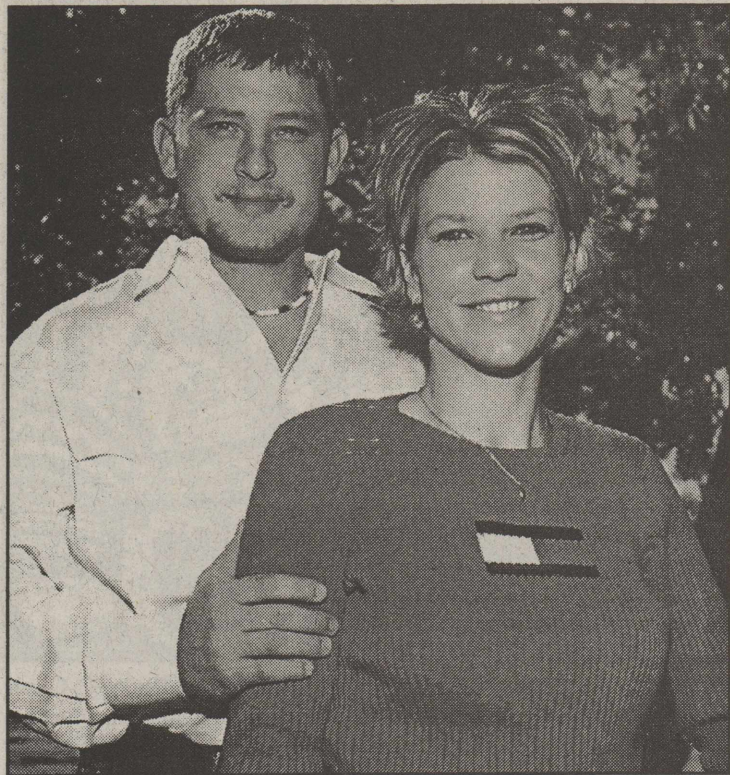
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TYSON MCDONALD-EVANS AND DOTTY HARRISON

## Evans and Harrison

Dotty Harrison and Tyson McDonald-Evans are proud to announce their engagement. Dotty is the daughter of Mike and Deborah Harrison of Lockney.

Tyson is the son of Marlon and Sherry McDonald of Lockney, and Lee Evans of Sanger.

Dotty and Tyson are both graduates of Lockney High School. Tyson is also a graduate of Western Texas College of Snyder and is currently self-employed. Dotty is currently employed by Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The couple plan to wed January 10, 2004 in Sanger. After a wedding trip to Las Vegas the couple will reside in Rosston.

## Williams honored with bridal luncheon

Mrs. Monte Williams honored her daughter, Amanda, with a bridal luncheon in her home on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

Relatives and out-of-town business and college friends who had earlier attended the honoree's bridal shower were invited.

Festively decorated tables were set in the dining, breakfast, and sun rooms of the home.

Following a prayer, led by Amanda's grandmother, Kay Brian of Wolforth, the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Tara, served a buffet of lasagne, vegetables, salad, garlic bread, and iced tea.

A choice of chocolate or hummingbird cake or pecan pie was offered for dessert.

Guests from Lubbock included: Florene Teal, Ethel Brown, Ashleigh Baumgarten, Meredith Williams, and Regina Hitchner.

Guests from Floydada included: Geraldine Callaway, Nancy Lawson, Joyce Williams, Cyndi Williams, Sarah Hinsley, Wynell Hinsley, Wanda Williams, and Amanda's fiance, Todd Hinsley.

Out-of-town guests included: Kris Sepkowitz and daughter, Ashleigh of Alto, New Mexico, Nancy Farrington of Borger, Clara Brown, of Truscott, Kay Miller and daughter Kelsea of Lorenzo, Sonsee Cline and daughter Kaitlyn of San Angelo, Rachel Stiles of Canyon and Sheryl Bawcom of Sonora.

## Floyd County Lifestyles

### Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival date set

The 13th annual South Plains Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival will be held December 13th and 14th in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two day event, said the upcoming festival would feature a number of newcomers to the Lubbock area. "First-time exhibitors will offer items such as dog and cat ornaments, coats, baby items,

jewelry, marble boards, framed prints, mosaic mirrors, decorated Christmas trees, seasonal decorations, and Christmas ornaments, and other items too numerous to mention," Prather said.

### Lockney Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

Recent visitors with Mary and Dennis Carter was her sister Ruby Alter and husband Jim. Also Jim's Mother Mary Alter all of Pennsylvania.

Charlie and Missy Minicks guests for Thanksgiving dinner November 29 were Tori and Justin Lard of Portales N.M. Bobby and Glenda Pinner, Galon Smith, Arvie and Gene Newton. Arvie is in the Lockney nursing home so it was a real treat for him to eat out and visit with everyone.

Last week Gene Newton and Geneva Barclay had as their guests for lunch at the center their niece Tyjunia Widdon and her daughter and husband, Kyneshia and Donavan Dellinger, Melissa and baby Alexis Lee, all from Houston. After lunch they all went to the nursing home and visited their uncle Arvie Newton.

Last week over Thanksgiving Joe Givens spent a few days with his daughter Phyliss and husband Orville White of Jemez Springs, N.M.

Violet Cooper accompanied her sister Betty Love of Bedford to Albuquerque N.M. last week to visit Betty's son David and family for Thanksgiving. They also visited their brother Dean Purcell and family.

Warren Mathis is at home recuperating from a heart attack and two heart procedures. He is doing well and is already out and about. You can't keep these men folks down long.

Jody and Rusty Baccus' Thanksgiving guests were their son Bruce and family of Dallas Ann.

This week's Senior Citizen profile is on Flora Lee Jack.

Flora Lee was born November 20, 1920 in the Prairie Chapel community to Frank and Ella Mauldin Jones. She graduated from Lockney High School in 1937. On December 14, 1939 at Seminole, she married Durward Jack, son of Sam and Lizzie Smith Jack. Durward passed away August 20, 1990.

They are the parents to two children. Twins Belvred of Dallas and Madonna Schacht of Plainview. Flora Lee is the grandmother of 4 grandchildren. Thanks Flora Lee for being this week's Senior Citizen.

Menu for December 15-19

Monday: Hamburger Steak  
Tuesday: Baked Chicken  
Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak  
Thursday: Ham  
Friday: Turkey and Dressing

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician! and Brad and family of Horse-shoe Bay. On Friday Brad took Rusty and Jody to Bonham to help Teresa Baccus celebrate her 90th birthday. Teresa is Rusty's brother Whitey's widow. On Saturday Jody and Brad attended Fred Byrd's funeral services and visited with the family.

Fred Byrd, a former Lockney resident and pharmacist, passed away Wednesday, December 3 and his funeral services were held in the First United Methodist Church Saturday December 6. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Virginia and two daughters, Carolyn and Mary



APRIL ROBERTS AND JOHNNIE MOSLEY

## Roberts and Mosley

April Roberts and Johnnie Mosley of Lubbock announce their engagement. The couple will be married at the Little Chapel of Brookhollow in Lake Ransom Canyon on December 31, 2003.

Roberts is an August 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Interior Design. She is currently the design consultant at Yates Flooring Center in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Brad and Deia Roberts of Dallas.

Mosley, a 1997 graduate of Lockney High School is finishing his degree in Family Studies at Texas Tech and is a personal banker for Wells Fargo Bank in Lubbock. He is the son of Ricky and Lisa Mosley of Lockney, and the grandson of Boyce and Inez Mosley of Lockney, Jacqueline Gregory of Floydada, and the late Howard Gregory.

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## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.

Carol Bell spent a week at Ft. Worth visiting her son Rex Bell and his family during Thanksgiving holidays. Carol's daughter Shannon and her husband Mark Hart and their children, who live at Fair Oaks Ranch, were also there.

Sue Daniels spent Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter Zan Hagood and her husband Bill at San Angelo.

James and Sue Lovell are home from a two week trip to Yuma, Arizona visiting James' sister Gladys Fitch. They went into Mexico and had a great trip.

Gene and Nancy Lawson are home from a trip to San Angelo with the Air Stream Trailer Club out of Lubbock.

Our sympathy to the family of Minnie Gowens, who passed

away at the age of 100.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of **Lon Davis** - Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, Don and Gayle Daniel.

In memory of **Elvie Henderson** - John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of **Betty Gilbreath** - Jean Kendricks, Jimmy and Darlinda Marqus.

In memory of **Beth Faulkenberry** - Jimmy and Darlinda Marqus.

In memory of **John Speer** - Jo Wester.

In memory of **Kyle Glover** - John and Judy Dunlap, Don and Gayle Daniel, Ann Reddy, Jimmy and Darlinda Marqus, Jo Wester and Jan Cates Lofton.

In memory of **Leona Mayo** - Jean Kendricks.

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# Whirlwinds win championship trophy in the Floydada Classic

By Coach Chris Brattain

On December 4-6 the Floydada High School basketball teams hosted the Floydada Classic. Teams competing were Floydada, Smyer, Petersburg, Silverton, Kress, Valley, Springlake-Earth and Paducah. Overall the tournament was a success for all teams involved.

Results for the girls side were as follows: The 7th place game had Silverton playing Valley. Valley won the game 53-41. The next game was the consolation game. This involved the Kress girls and the Springlake-Earth girls. The Lady Wolverines came away with the 56-21 victory over the Lady Roos.

The Lady Winds played Paducah for the 3rd place game. Paducah won the game 63-42. The Lady Winds had a slow start and Paducah couldn't miss to start the game. The Lady Winds did however do a fine job battling back in the second half.

Lindsey Leatherman lead Floydada with 21 points. Kim Bennett had 12 points. Both girls

made the All-Tournament Team. The girls have had a tough schedule so far and have worked hard each game. Coach Shea Brattain commented, "If we can stay positive and keep working, good things will happen".

The championship game had Petersburg and Smyer competing. Smyer ended up winning by a score of 49-41. The girls tournament was successful with many exciting games.

On the boys side, the 7th place game had Silverton playing Springlake-Earth. The Owls came away with a 50-40 victory. In the consolation game, the Valley boys defeated the Kress Kangaroos by a score of 53-42. Both games were hard fought and well played.

The 3rd place game saw the Smyer Bobcats take on the Petersburg Buffaloes. Petersburg pulled this one out 49-41.

Finally the championship game had the Paducah Dragons take on the Floydada Whirlwinds. The game was close the whole way through and the

Whirlwinds pulled out the win with a score of 63-51.

Luke Miller lead all scorers with 20 points. Randy Ledbetter followed with 16 and Gerald Henderson had 14. Awards handed out were M.V.P. to Luke Miller and All Tournament to Gerald Henderson, Randy Ledbetter and Dustin Ochoa.

This Whirlwind team has made great strides this year and will only get better each game. There are some different combinations we are looking at with having 14 players. We are seeing some chemistry starting to form and hopefully we will begin to gel and play together. This was a good tournament for us and will help us continue to grow.

This week both the boys and girls teams will be in the New Deal Tourney. The girls play Anton on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The boys open with Anton at 4:30 p.m. I just want to encourage everyone to come out and support Floydada's basketball teams and stay positive.



2003-2004 FJHS TWIRLERS-(back row, l-r) Randa Shurbet, Amber Smith; (middle row, l-r) Sonya Salinas, Jennifer Leatherman, Elizabeth Bertrand; (front row, l-r) Adriana Dela Cerda, Mary Warren.. Courtesy Photo

## R.C. Andrews Elementary Honor Roll

**RC Andrews "A" Honor Roll**

**First Six weeks Third grade:**

Malorie Alaniz, Jianna Davenport, Timothy Duus, Thomas Farris, Homero Garcia, Amelia Gonzales, Brandon Graham, Janson Graham, Merritt Johnson, David Kennedy, Kaden Lackey, Ashley Lucke, Landry Morren, Taylor Orr, Rance Quisenberry, Kimberly Reyes, Isidro Rosa, Shani Ross, Valerie Ruddell, Jordan Woody

**Fourth grade:**

Elizabeth Avila, Tyanne Battey, Haley Boyd, Alyssa Garcia, Mallory Graham, Hannah Griffin, Brody Hargrove, Kimberly Hernandez, Alexis Holbert, Haden Lipham, McCrae McCormick, Avery Miller, Sarah Miller, Imelda Resendiz, Arturo Rivera, Hector Rodriguez, Michael Salazar, Sarah Sanders, Nikki Seymour, Elizabeth Suarez, Tiffany Vasquez

**Fifth grade:**

Lauren Arrasmith, Carson Battey, Whitley Beedy, Lexi Covington, Johnathan Dean, Erick Doria, Huntyr Helms, Libby Hicks

**Second six weeks Third grade:**

Malorie Alaniz, Carly Carthel, Jianna Davenport, Keri DeBusk, Timothy Duus, Thomas Farris, Homero Garcia, Amelia Gonzales, Brandon Graham, Janson Graham, Merritt Johnson, Kaden Lackey, Ashley Lucke, Landry Morren, Tylor Orr, Rance Quisenberry, Kimberly Reyes, Isidro Rosa, Shani Ross, Valerie Ruddell, Jordan Woody

**Fourth grade:**

Tyanne Battey, Cole Covington, Bridgette Fulton, Alyssa Garcia, Mallory Graham, Hannah Griffin, Brody Hargrove, Alexis Holbert, Garrett Jenschke, Haden Lipham, McCrae McCormick, Avery Miller, Sarah Miller, Imelda Resendiz, Arturo Rivera, Sarah Sanders, Nikki Seymour, Elizabeth Suarez

**Fifth grade:**

Lauren Arrasmith, Carson Battey, Whitley Beedy, Albert Chavarria, Lexi Covington, Erick Doria, Huntyr Helms, Kelsey Kelley, Juan Olvera, Krystal Ramos, Dylan Thomas, Christi Hill, Juan Olvera, Krystal Ramos, Melissa Ruddell, Rylee Shurbet, Lynnde Smith, Dylan Thomas



SHANI JO ROSS

### Ross competed in Distinguished Youth Program

Shani Jo Ross, 9 year old daughter of Mitch and Becky Ross of Floydada, competed in the Distinguished Youth of America Program November 28-30 in Austin. The youth program is to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their school and community.

The judging criteria includes scholastic record, service to school and community, personality projection and interview.

Out of 135 candidates, Shani placed 3rd Place and was proud to represent R.C. Andrews Elementary and FISD.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank Mom and Dad, First National Bank of Floydada, the Federal Credit Union, Bob and Glenna Ross, Keith and Sue Reeves, Jones Pumpkins and Aric Hendricks Trucking for sponsoring me in the Distinguished Youth of America Program held in Austin.

Shani Jo Ross

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## Floydada Boys 8th & 7th Grade Basketball Report

### 8th Breezers - 54 Idalou - 19

In the championship game of the Idalou Tournament, the 8th grade Breezers played Idalou and won by a huge score of 54-19 and brought home the championship trophy.

Scoring results are as follows:

Payte Beedy - 12 points; Kody Smith - 11 points; Cade Miller - 10 points; Blake Greer - 8 points; Eladio Saldana - 7 points; Brandon Monreal - 2 points; Magdiel Alvarado - 2 points; Kevin Smith - 2 points.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Breezers 20 9 9 7  
Idalou 10 4 2 3

### 8th Breezers - 51 Lockney - 17

The 8th grade Breezers traveled to Lockney on November 24, 2003 and played the 8th grade Shorthorns. The Breezers won by a score of 51-17.

Scoring results are as follows:

Kevin Sith - 12 points; Payte Beedy - 11 points; Blake Greer -

8 points; Kody Smith - 7 points; Brandon Monreal - 4 points; Cade Miller - 4 points; Daniel Saldana - 4 points; Eladio Saldana - 2 points; Adam Rainwater - 1 point.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Breezers 20 9 9 13  
Lockney 4 3 4 6

SEASON RECORD: 5-0

### 7th Breezers - 43 Abernathy - 34

In the second round of the Idalou Tournament, the 7th grade Breezers played Abernathy and won by a score of 43-34.

Scoring results are as follows:

Aarrhon Flores - 18 points; Titus Miller - 15 points; Isom Bolton - 6 points; Colton Covington - 4 points.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Breezers 12 16 13 2  
Abernathy 6 10 9 9

### 7th Breezers - 31 Lockney - 20

In the championship game of the Idalou Tournament, the 7th grade Breezers played the 7th

grade Lockney Shorthorns and won by a score of 31-20. The Breezers won the tournament and brought home the championship trophy.

Scoring results are as follows:

Titus Miller - 14 points; Aarrhon Flores - 9 points; Isom Bolton - 4 points; Tyler Derryberry - 2 points; Colton Covington - 2 points.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Breezers 10 10 9 2  
Lockney 2 1 4 13

### 7th Breezers - 40 Lockney - 19

The 7th grade Breezers traveled to Lockney on November 24, 2003 and played the 7th grade Shorthorns and won by a score of 40-19.

Scoring results are as follows:

Aarrhon Flores - 22 points; Titus Miller - 12 points; Isom Bolton - 5 points; James Espinoza - 1 point.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Breezers - 3 11 16 10  
Lockney 2 7 6 4

## Floydada School Menu

### December 15-December 19 Monday:

**Breakfast** - Graham crackers, cereal, fruit, milk

**Lunch** - Pigs in a blanket, corn, salad, fruit, milk

### Tuesday:

**Breakfast** - Pancake & sausage on a stick, milk, juice

**Lunch** - Chalupas, lettuce/tomatoes/cheese, pinto beans, jello, milk

### Wednesday:

**Breakfast** - Cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice

**Lunch** - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, pudding, milk

### Thursday:

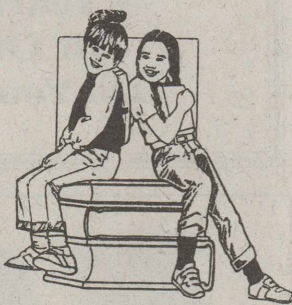
**Breakfast** - Waffles, syrup, juice, milk

**Lunch** - Bar-B-Que weiners, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk

### Friday:

**Breakfast** - Toast/jelly, scrambled eggs, milk, juice

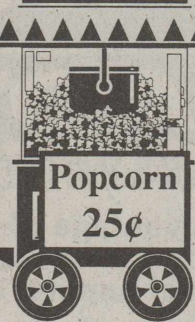
**Lunch** - Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk



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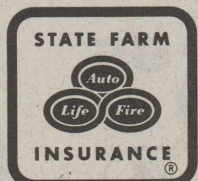


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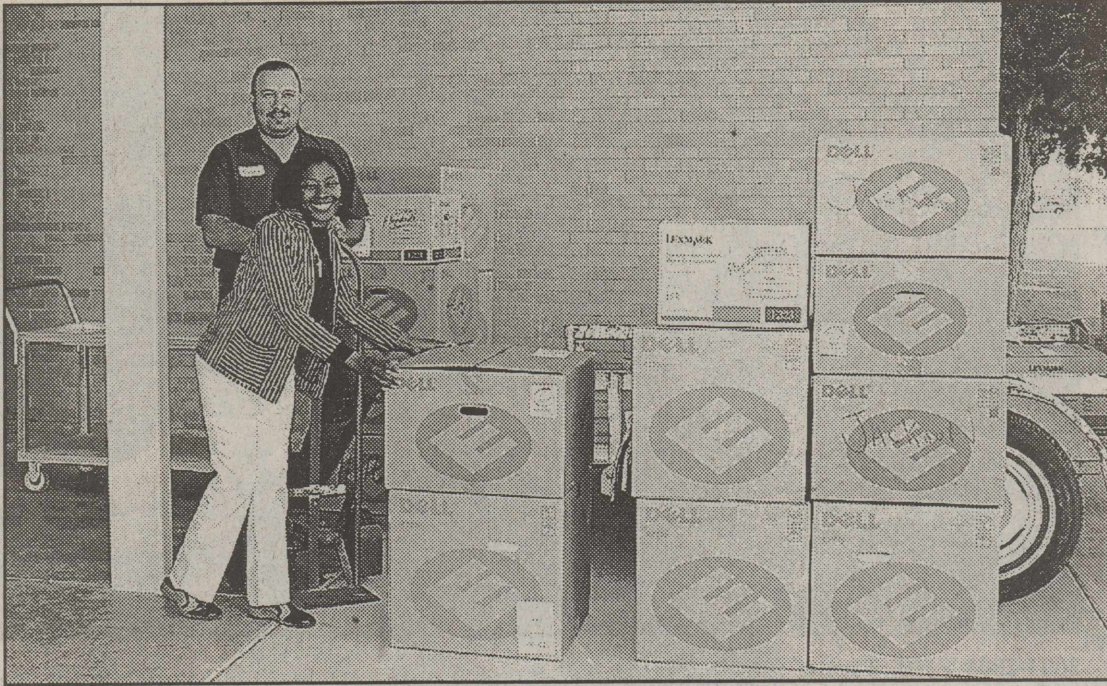
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**WE'RE GETTING A DELL!**--Rolando Cisneros of Floydada ISD is seen unloading new computers for special education classrooms at A.B. Duncan Elementary. Anise Jackson, special education teacher at A.B. Duncan, helps Rolando with the computers. The computers are part of the Technology Applications Readiness Grant for Empowering Texas (TARGET Grant) that Floydada ISD received.

## Grant money provides computers for twelve West Texas schools

Twelve West Texas school districts in three existing special education shared service arrangements, including Floydada, Lockney, and Petersburg, recently were awarded a three-year TARGET grant totaling approximately \$3,000,000 over the next three-year grant period.

The grant ensures that special education students will have daily usage of technology that is correlated to the TEKS and to each student's individual IEP goals. This grant is the only one of its kind to be awarded specifically

for special education students in the state.

The grant money will provide computers, PLATO software, and staff development to improve the quality of instruction provided to special education students. The 2003-04 year will initiate the

grant with staff development and computer training for the elementary and middle school special education staff of the districts. The goal of the grant is to institute a technology internship to provide the specified training and

in turn provide expert teachers to work with students. During the succeeding grant years, training, computer hardware and software will be provided for the secondary schools of the participating school districts.

The partnership formed by this grant focuses on the needs of the local school districts and creates opportunity for staff from all districts included to collaborate and develop networks that effectively integrate the use of technology across the curriculum for special education students.



**FLOYD COUNTY CANNED FOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF**--Lockney High School students (front row) challenged Floydada High School students (back row) Monday to see who can gather the most canned food for the needy in Floyd County. The winner of the canned food drive will have bragging rights for the year, but the real winners will be those in need of food. N.H.S. members from Lockney present at the kickoff were: (front row, l-r) Alissa Poindexter, Amanda Hancock, Cammy Lass, Hannah Rockwell and Tod Duncan. Representing Floydada High School were officers from various organizations. Present were (back row, l-r) Melissa Dunlap, Sylvia Mancilla, Suelema Saldana, Katy Gooch and Becky Warren.

Staff Photo

## Santa came early to some

Santa came early to some very deserving students and staff of Floydada ISD. As a tradition with Santa on the Square, many of our civic groups, businesses, and individuals sponsored a drawing of \$30.00 in Chamber Bucks on each campus of FISD.

**Duncan:** Reagan Ramsey - 1950 Study Club; Austin Dunne - Dr. Nadene Tipton, Orthodontist

**RCA:** Jennifer Grey - Floydada Rotary Club; Anderson Weeks - 1934 Study Club

**Jr. High:**

Christine Rodriguez - Floydada ISD; Willie Vega - Floydada Lions Club

**High School:** Chris Reyes - Floydada Masonic Lodge; Ty Heflin - Floydada Eastern Star

**CCLC:** Jason Henderson - Assiter Insurance; Melissa Garcia - 1956 Study Club

**FISD Staff:** Phyllis Smith - Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent; Dara Ware - Dr. Nadene Tipton, Orthodontist; Chris Brattain - Dr. William Dean, Dentist

## Through The Halls

### Fosters compete in Fall Classic

By J.D. Ragland

Congratulations to Senee', Segayle and SyAnn Foster as they competed at Louisville, Kentucky, November 14-17 and at the Fall Classic in Waco, November 28-30, 2003.

Results were as follows: **Louisville:** Senee' - two 1st places, two Division Champions, Grand Champion Chi Heifer; Segayle - 4th place; SyAnn - 2nd place

**Waco:** (Ring A) Senee' - two 2nd places; SyAnn - 5th place; Segayle - 3rd place, Reserve Breed Champion. (Ring B) Senee' - 1st and 2nd places, Reserve Breed Chi, 3rd Overall; SyAnn - 5th place, Champion Breed Chi, Reserve Grand Overall.

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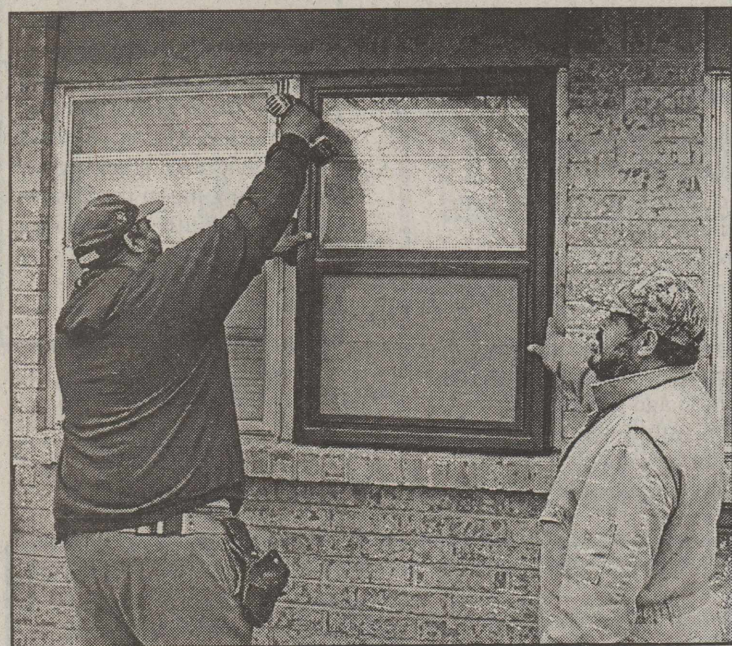
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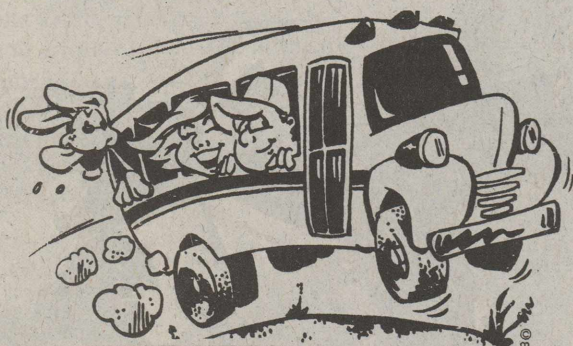


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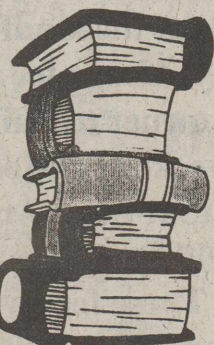


**NEW STORM WINDOWS GOING UP**--The Floydada Housing Authority has purchased new storm windows and screens from Olney Doors and Screens. These windows are top of the line. New storm doors were installed last year. 58 new stoves and refrigerators are being installed in FHA's modernization, along with 18 units with central air and heat. Other renovations are planned. Pictured is Ray Garza of FHA (right) and Charles Bedfor with Olney Screens and Doors.

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# Longhorns participated in tough Nazareth Tournament

By Coach Edwards

The Lockney Longhorns managed to win half of their games over the past week as they participated in the always tough, Nazareth Tournament.

The Longhorns opened the tournament with a win against the Wink Wildcats, 58-35. Lockney outscored the Wildcats 37-13 in the first half and used a ten man rotation to savor the lead. Nine of the ten players on the roster scored in the contest. Mark Ford and Kirk Wilson lead the team with nine points each. Trevor Morris added eight points while Rance Schumacher and Jeran Butler chipped in seven points. Dahlen McCarter, Reid Carthel and Taylor Becker score five points each. Cagan Cummings added three points.

In the second round of action, Lockney ran up against the always tough, Farwell Steers. The Longhorns defeated the Steers last year in the tournament, but

Farwell was able to hold off a late surge by the Longhorns, 50-46. Lockney struggled from the free throw only making three of their eleven attempts. Jeran Butler lead all scorers with 16 points followed by Mark Ford with 11 points. Kirk Wilson added five points while Dahlen McCarter and Taylor Becker chipped in four points each.

Lockney matched up with district foe, Abernathy who had defeated Nazareth in the first round and lost to Merkel in the second round. The Longhorns struggled from the field shooting less than 40 percent and fell to the Antelopes 50-41. Jeran Butler lead the team in scoring with 13 points followed by Cagan Cummings with 10 points. Mark Ford added nine points and Rance Schumacher with five points. Both Taylor Becker and Kirk Wilson chipped in three points.

"It is early in the season and we are just having a hard time

putting the ball in the bucket," Coach Edwards said. "As the season continues, we will get our legs under us and we will actually have some practice time."

Earlier in the week, the Longhorns dismantled the Wolverines from Springlake-Earth 65-24. Lockney scored in double digits in each quarter and did not allow the Wolverines to reach double figures in any quarter. Kirk Wilson lead the team scoring 12 points followed by Mark Ford with 11 and Rance Schumacher with 10 points. Dahlen McCarter added nine points and Taylor Becker with eight points. Jeran Butler chipped in six points while Jeremy Pyle added five points and Reid Carthel with four points.

The Longhorns will be playing in the New Deal Tournament on Thursday against Smyer starting at 1:30 p.m. The tournament will continue through Saturday.



**HELP THE KIDS--**Lockney youth stand in front of a mural they painted on a brick wall in downtown Lockney to remind people to donate to the Lockney Youth Center. The thermometer will be filled in as the amount goes up. The kids are trying to raise \$10,000 for a matching grant of an additional \$10,000. Shown here are LYC Director Ray Jimenez, Jovani Colin, Zachary Gonzales, Adrian Luna, Guillermo Colin, James Rockwell.



**LITTLE LONGHORNS---**(Back row, l to r) SyAnn Foster, Nazario Briggs, Christopher Franco, Shanequa Wilson, Christopher Rodriguez, Shialo Huerta, Collin Fulton, (Middle row, l to r) Alyssa Soliz, Carlos Riojas, Shayla Vasquez, Clarisa Camacho, Kelli Guerra, Jonathan Alvarez, Memory Lane, (Front row, l to r) Derek Wood, Sergio Ascencio, Corey Mathis, Alyssa East, Andrew Hooten, Anthony Nunez, and Derick Patel.

## Lockney 8th and 7th Grade Basketball Report

The Lockney 8th grade basketball team earned their first victory of the season beating the Olton Colts in a thriller 33-31.

The Shorthorns used a stifling defense, and were able to break the press to get some fast break points, plus get to the free-throw line enough times to make a difference in the game.

"The boys did everything they could do to get the win," Coach Rodgers said. "They definitely earned this victory just by their effort on the court. We made some mistakes, but we kept battling back using our defense to make more opportunities."

Alston Becker lead the Shorthorns with 15 points followed by Dimitri Cortez with eight points. Ernie Vasquez added three points while Will Foster, Zacary Gonzales and Tanner Morris added two points. Tim Luebano chipped in one point.

The Shorthorns will resume district play next Monday at Friona starting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The Lockney Shorthorn 7th grade squad plowed over the

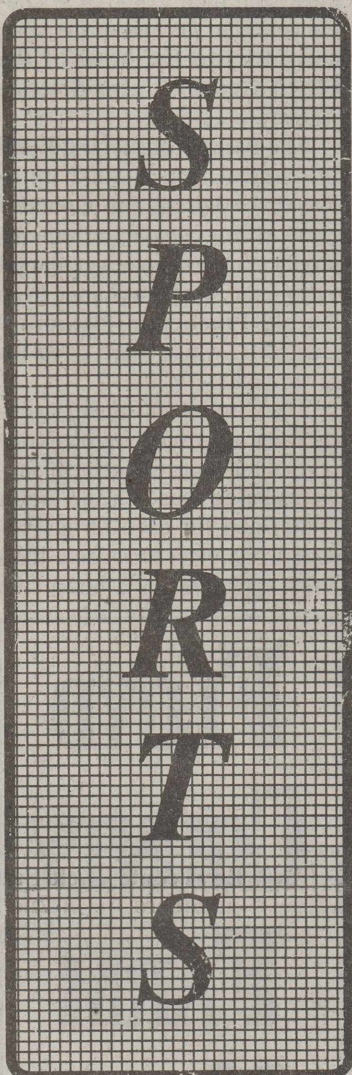
Olton Colts 57-11 in district action on Monday night.

Lockney outscored Olton 22-5 in the second quarter and 12-0 in the third to grab a huge advantage over the Colts. Lockney used several offensive weapons on the hard court while playing tight knit defense the entire evening.

"We finally decided to start playing some ball," Coach Edwards said. "Everyone that stepped on the court tonight made some kind of contribution. It was awesome to see seventeen players get in the game and get after their rears."

Caleb Schumacher lead the team with 15 points followed by Adrian Cortez with 11 points. Brett Johnson added seven points and Augie Ascencio with five points. Both Tyler Ellison while Jonathan Coleman chipped in four points and Daryn McCarter with three points. Tim Padilla, James Mercado, Luis Bernal and Patrick Doucette pitched in two points each.

The Lockney 7th graders will continue play next Monday, December 15th at Friona.



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## Twenty-five Lockney Jr. High Band members make All-Region

By Rob Lovitt

Our Lockney Jr. High Band had a great day on Saturday at the All-Region Band tryouts in Lubbock.

We had 25 band members earn places in the All-Region Band! Congratulations to the following All-Region members: **Eighth Grade:** Audrey Collins, flute; Stephana Villarreal, clarinet; Ashley McCulloch, tenor sax; Cole Patton, trumpet; Lorenzo Salazar, trumpet; Timothy Luebano, trumpet; Lauren Stewart, first chair, french horn; Zach Montandon, french horn; Bryan Cooper, french horn;

Mario Camacho, trombone; A.J. Jimenez, baritone; Will Foster, baritone; Taylor Hill, tuba; Desiree DeLeon, first chair, mallets; Margarita Valles, mallets.

**Seventh Grade:** Sara Clay, flute; Patrick Doucette, clarinet; Aura Rodriguez, clarinet; Adrian Cortez, alto sax; Brendi Moralez, trumpet; Jonathan Coleman, trombone; Brett Johnson, tuba; Lucas Hall, tuba; Daryn McCarter, snare drum; Heather Brock, snare drum.

The All-Region Band will perform a concert on January 31 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

### Lockney School Menu

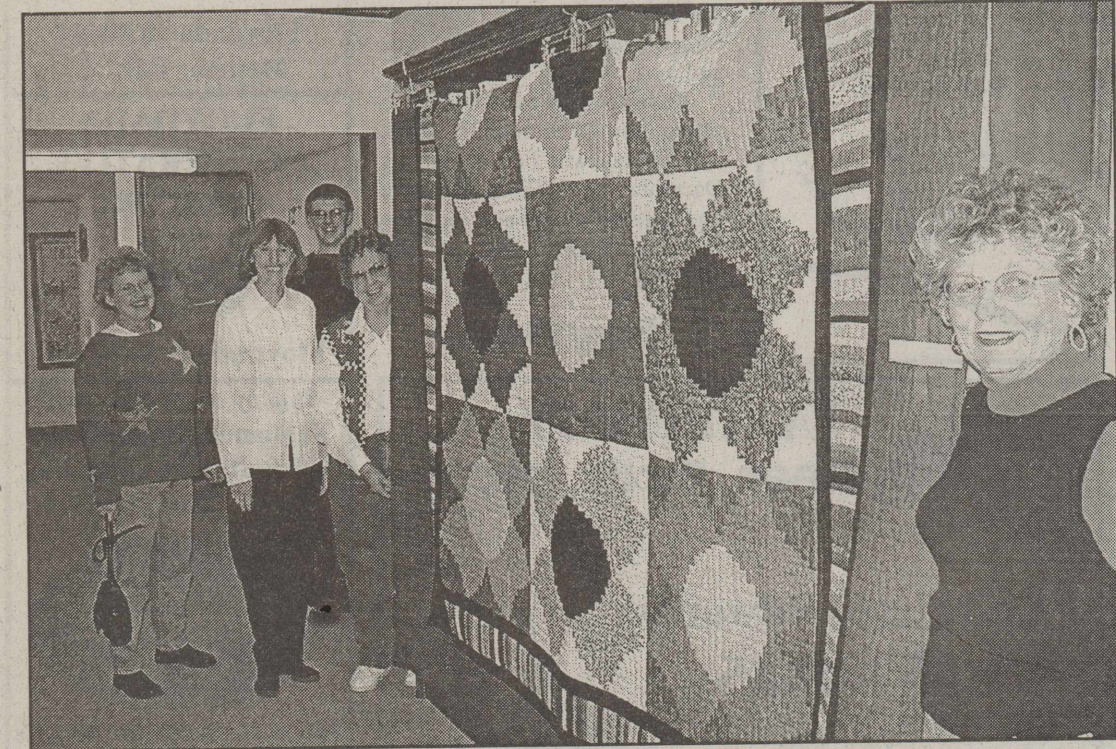
- Menu**  
December 15-December 19  
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**Breakfast** - Scrambled eggs and ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Cheeseburger pocket or corn dog, tossed salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk  
**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast** - Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Turkey and gravy or ham and cheese, sweet potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk  
**Thursday**  
**Breakfast** - Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Hamburger or PBJ sandwich, french fries, lettuce and tomato, orange halves, milk  
**Friday**  
**Breakfast** - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Cheese pizza or burrito, tossed salad, peaches, milk

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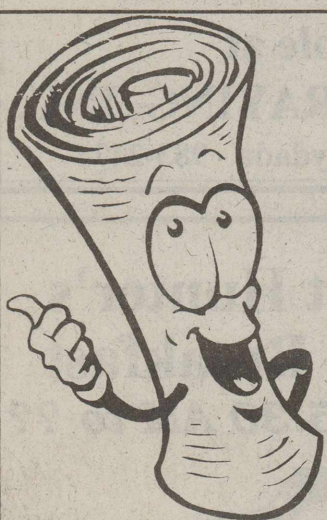
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## Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

By Becky Rainer

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, hail, high winds, and static electricity that occurred on June 22, 2003; drought, high winds, static electricity, and heat that occurred on June 1, 2003, and continuing: excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, and lightning that occurred on June 4, 2003, through June 20, 2003; excessive rain, hail, and high winds that occurred from June 1, 2003, through June 30, 2003; flooding, hail, and high winds that occurred from May 20, 2003 through June 25, 2003, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) located in Floydada, Farm Loan Manager, Becky Rainer, said today.

Floyd and Crosby Counties have been named as primary and/

or contiguous counties recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover production.

Rainer said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

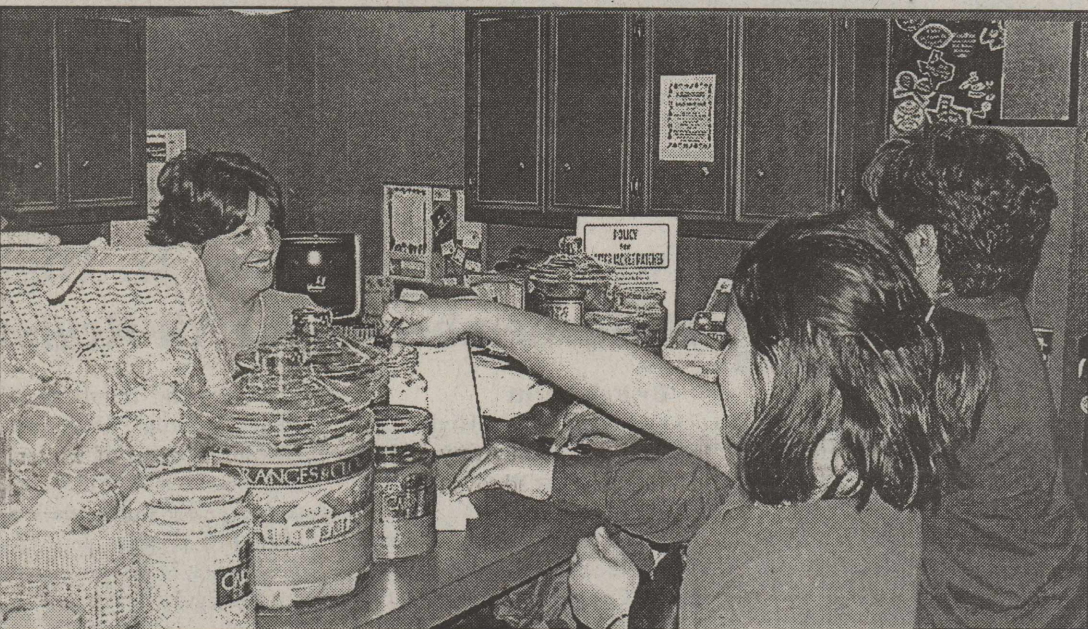
As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Rainer said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under

this emergency designation will be accepted until July 6, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Rainer said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Floydada is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



LOCKNEY HOLIDAY AFFAIR SHOPPERS

**Cotton** **News**

By Shawn Wade

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By Shawn Wade

The first week of December provided High Plains agriculture a chance to showcase itself by playing host to two different, but equally important and informative events.

The week started with the arrival of members of the House Agriculture Committee General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee in Lubbock for a field hearing on federal crop insurance. The hearing was held in Lubbock at the request of Rep. Randy Neugebauer.

Chaired by Rep. Jerry Moran of Kansas, the hearing was attended by three other members of the subcommittee: Neugebauer, Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota, and Rep. Mike Ross of Arkansas. HAC Ranking Minority Member Charlie Stenholm of Stamford was also present.

The hearing provided the Subcommittee with producer feedback on the effectiveness of the federal crop insurance program and many new ideas that could enhance the risk management products available to producers.

Plains Cotton Growers President Mark Williams presented testimony at the hearing. PCG's comments included a number of ideas for program improvements and referenced issues that PCG is working with the USDA Risk Management Agency to resolve.

PCG's testimony provided suggestions for new combination products based on the Group Risk Plan (GRP) of insurance such as a GRP/Hail or a GRP/CAT (Catastrophic Risk Policy). PCG's goal is to add an element of individual protection to the GRP policy to provide effective alternatives to producers who cannot obtain adequate coverage through a traditional MPCPI policy.

In the same vein, PCG also suggested producers be allowed to purchase different levels of coverage on units based on pro-

duction practice instead of being locked into one coverage level across both irrigated and non-irrigated units.

Williams concluded by highlighting issues that PCG is working on such as deferred appraisal periods for non-emerged seed, quality loss adjustment procedures, boll count appraisal procedures, and written agreement provisions.

Texas Commodity Symposium Gets High Marks

The final report card for the 3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium will show straight A's as a distinguished line-up of speakers provided an in-depth look at important issues facing Texas agriculture today.

The meeting also provided organizations representing Texas farmers and ranchers an opportunity to work face-to-face with federal and state officials that create and implement key agricultural programs. Add the insight gained on national and state issues and the event was a resounding success.

Speakers at the 2003 Symposium were: Juan Garcia, Texas State Farm Service Agency; Dr. Ed Smith, Texas A&M University; Ross Davidson, Jr., USDA Risk Management Agency Administrator; Texas House Members Rick Hardcastle and David Swinford; and Floyd Gaibler, Deputy Under Secretary USDA Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Topics discussed included payment limitations, farm programs, international trade, crop insurance and risk management, as well as key statewide issues that affect agriculture like school finance reform.

For Plains Cotton Growers it provide an opportunity to make progress on unresolved Crop Disaster Program (CDP) implementation issues, the Conservation Reserve Program and Federal Crop Insurance.

## Jackson named runner-up in TFB contest

Boyd Jackson of Lockney has been named a runner-up in the Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher contest.

As runner-up, Boyd and his wife Shanna received the following awards: transportation, two nights lodging and meals to the Texas Farm Bureau Convention in Waco, December 6-8, 2003; complimentary use of a 2004 Dodge Quad Cab pickup from December 2003 through November 2004 (Courtesy of Dodge); plaque and belt buckle representative of award (Courtesy of Ampac); and a \$100 gift certificate to Grainger Industrial Supply

(Courtesy of Grainger).

Donnell Brown of Throckmorton was named winner of Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher Contest at the association's 70th annual convention in Waco.

The annual award, presented by the state's largest farm organization, honors the young leaders of agriculture and recognizes the hard work and determination required to succeed when starting out in this challenging business.

Brown was named winner over two other finalists: Jay

Davis, 32, of Grandview, who preconditions and runs cattle on gain programs for customers, grows grain and forage, and runs a trucking business and farm service store in Johnson County; and Boyd Jackson, 33, who grows cotton, milo, seed corn and milo, wheat and cattle in Floyd County.

The Brown's will also represent Texas in the American Farm Bureau Achievement Award competition. The national AFBF YF & R Achievement Award winner will receive a 2004 Dodge Ram 3500 Quad Cab 4x4 SLT pickup with a 5.9: 24-valve Cummins diesel engine.

## Producers required to sign contracts annually

By Rodney Schoppa

Producers wanting to receive advance direct payments in December under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) must sign their 2004 DCP contracts before the end of the year, according to the head of the Floyd County Farm Service Agency.

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 introduced the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, which requires producers to sign a new contract every year. This is a change from the old Production Flexibility Contracts, which were good for seven years.

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program offers eligible farmers and ranchers direct cash payments based on acres and yields established for each farm. Producers can elect to receive their direct payments as a lump sum

in October or as two partial payments—an advance payment of up to 50 percent of the total and a final payment for the remainder.

When electing to receive two partial payments the producer also selects the month in which to receive the advance payment—that's where timing is critical.

Producers who, for tax or other purposes, want to receive an advance payment this month, have to sign their 2004 DCP contracts in the next few weeks so the advance direct payments can be issued by December 31.

Regardless of which month a producer selects for the advance direct payment, final payments are made in October, following the end of the fiscal year.

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program is designed to help stabilize U.S. agriculture by pro-

viding payments to eligible producers who enroll their farms each fiscal year during the life of the current farm bill. Both direct payments and counter-cyclical payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each individual farm. Direct payment rates are constant. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary with the average price of program commodities each marketing year. When crop values are high, counter-cyclical payments are zero.

Producers wanting more income in 2003 are encouraged to call the Floyd County Farm Service Agency office to book an appointment.

For more information regarding DCP and other FSA programs, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806 983 3763 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

# FLOYD COUNTY FARM NEWS

### Committee election has been extended

The Floyd County Farm Service Agency would like to announce that the Floyd County Committee election for LAA3 has been extended until December 15, 2003.

The election has been extended due to a problem getting the ballots printed and mailed to eligible voters in a timely manner. Eligible voters in LAA3 who did not receive a ballot or did not receive the ballot in time to get it into the FSA office by December 1, 2003, please mail your ballot in or come by the FSA office and vote.

Ballots will be available in the office until December 15, 2003. The ballots will be counted by December 22, 2003. If you have any questions please call the Floyd County FSA office at (806) 983-3763.

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RayNell Bearden, Commissioner, Precinct #1  
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Craig Gilly, Commissioner, Precinct #3  
Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4

12-11c

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Administration of the Estate of JOHN F. SPEER, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to BARBARA KAY NICOLEY on the 3rd day of December, 2003, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5655, styled the Estate of JOHN F. SPEER, in which court the case is pending.

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# Obituaries



**FRED D. BYRD**

Services for Fred D. Byrd, 83, of Lubbock, formerly of Lockney were held Saturday, December 6, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Rev. Keith Wiseman and Bishop Wallis Ohl officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors. He died Wednesday, December 3, 2003. He was born on November 29, 1920, in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma. He graduated from high school in Lookeba, Oklahoma. He graduated from Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, in 1943, with a degree in Pharmacy. He served in World War II as a medic in the European theatre during the Battle of the Bulge. He received an Honorable discharge from the Army Medical Corp in 1946. He practiced pharmacy in Butler, and Elk City, Oklahoma, and in Levelland, Lamesa, and Lockney. He was honored as the "Pharmacist of the Year" by the West Texas Pharmaceutical Association. He owned Byrd Pharmacy in Lockney for 38 years. He was an active and supportive member of the Lockney community, serving on the LISD School Board, President of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church, and a member of the Rotary Club. He retired and sold the pharmacy in 1989 and moved to Lubbock in 1990. He continued to practice pharmacy part-time until his death.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ida Byrd; five brother, Jasper Byrd, Bill Byrd, Grady Byrd, Donald Byrd, and J.D. Byrd; and two sisters, Sybil Clark and Winifred Keeney.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years; daughter Carolyn Simpson and husband John Simpson and children Corey Simpson and Kendall Simpson, all of Lubbock; and daughter Mary Ann Bobbitt and husband Lt. Colonel John Davidson Bobbitt and daughter Lee Bobbitt of San Antonio; one sister, Sadie Brehm of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and one brother, Sidney Byrd of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.



**MINNIE BELLE GOWENS**

Funeral services for Minnie Belle Gowens, 100, of Floydada, formerly of Lubbock were conducted Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church. Elders Cleveland Bass, Hulan Bass, Michael Gowens, and George Johnson officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock. Mrs. Gowens passed away December 7, 2003, at Floydada Rehab and Care Center in Floydada. She was born to Henry and Mary Bass on December 17, 1902 in Hopkins County. She married Sylvester Gowens on December 7, 1929, in Crosby County. They moved to Lubbock County from Crosby County in 1948 where her husband was a minister. Two of her sons and grandson are also ministers today. She is preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester, on August 3, 1984, and also six brothers and five sisters.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church. She is survived by four sons, Bernard and wife, Lynn Gowens of Friona, Norman and wife, Tippy Gowens of Waco, Clifford and wife Lenora Gowens of Wylie, Jimmie and wife, Sandi Gowens of New Deal; two daughters Gwendolyn and husband, Richard Gentry of Lamesa, and Geraldine and husband, Travis Gentry of Floydada; a brother Harvey and wife, Marie Bass of Muleshoe; 18 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren. Minnie's first great-great-granddaughter is expected this month.

# Second Annual Community Christmas Festival

Among the Christmas events planned for this holiday season is the Second Annual Community Christmas Festival to be presented by George James, Director of Music, and the Chancel Choir of Floydada's First United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

The Festival will feature musicians from several different congregations offering instrumental and vocal selections. "We will hear vocalists lift their voices in song to celebrate the miracle and wonder of the birth of Christ," said James. "The FUMC Children's Choir is an inspiration, as is the Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir's rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus." A highlight of the evening will be Dr. Sandra Mosteller, clarinetist from Wayland Baptist University. Dr. Mosteller will offer solos and play a duet with FHS sophomore clarinetist, Jeffri Vaughn.

During an intermission, the audience will have an opportunity to meet and talk with the performers, enjoy refreshments, and hear musical numbers in a relaxed family Christmas atmosphere.

"We hope our friends in the community will join us for this event on Sunday evening," said James. "It has been fun to plan; it will be exciting to present."

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The family of Blanton (C.B.) Hartsell wishes to express our sincere thanks for your expression of love shown to our family at a very difficult time.

We thank each of you for your prayers, visits, food, cards and concern.

You have given us strength through your encouragement and acts of kindness during this very stressful time.

Continue to remember us in your prayers.

God bless,  
The Blanton Hartsell Family  
Ruby Hartsell  
H. D. Lamberth Family  
Larry Hartsell Family

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and especially for the prayers while I was in the hospital getting my new hip. I am very grateful and appreciate so much.

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## THIS WEEK'S

### FNB FLOYADA CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will have their Christmas Open House in the bank's Community Room, December 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will host their Annual Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Nothing warms the heart and lifts the spirit like Christmas music shared with friends. The congregation of FUMC is happy to host this evening of sacred and secular Christmas music. Join us for a fun event!

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas carols will be played daily during December from the Carillon Tower of First United Methodist Church. The Carillon is a gift from the Guthrie family in memory of Sue Guthrie.

Have a nice week!

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401 S. Main

Saturday, December 13 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

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exciting music and drama.

# Floyd County Church Directory

- AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randy Curtis, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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- BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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- CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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- CARR'S CHAPEL**  
Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship .... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
West College & Third,  
Lockney  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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- CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Ken Free- Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study .... 7:30 p.m.  
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
401 S. Main, Floydada  
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor  
Duce Cooper, Minister of Students  
Bill Swinney, Minister of Ed./Music  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.  
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Phillip Golden - Pastor  
Chad Frizzell-Youth Minister  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Dr. David Jones, Pastor  
Rev. Ione Sedinger, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.  
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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Neely Landrum, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service .... 6:00 p.m.  
Praise/Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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- MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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- MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing .... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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- POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Rev. Lupe Rando  
Sunday School .... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.  
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- SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Rev. Ray Gonzales  
983-5286 (church)  
983-3047 (parsonage)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Father Arsenio Redulla  
Deacon Ricky Vasquez  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday (Spanish) .. 5:30 p.m.  
Mon. Tues. Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday Mass ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
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- TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Pedro Reyes, Pastor  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee,  
Floydada  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service ... 7:30 p.m.  
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- TRINITY ASSEMBLY**  
500 W. Houston  
Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
983-5499  
Sunday Schopl ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Melvin Loseke, Minister  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.  
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- WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.  
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- FLOYD COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH**  
Unity Center - Muncy  
1st Sunday of the Month  
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Services - 7:00 p.m..  
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